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MONETARY TALK.

Conference Assembly in Indianapolis to Discuss Government Money.

A MEETING OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

Temporary Chairman Standard of Missouri Addresses the Convention—Regards Present System Insecure—Wants a Safer System.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 12.—The monetary convention which began here this afternoon had its inception in this city in November when an invitation was issued to the heads of trade of the central west to convene here December first in a preliminary conference to consider the financial situation. That conference decided it was desirable to call a conference of representatives from the commercial organizations of the cities of the United States to meet today to consider plans for the improvement of the national currency system.

The convention was called to order at 4 o'clock this afternoon, ex-Governor E. C. Standard of Missouri, was made temporary chairman, and delivered an address on the subject of the currency. A noticeable feature of the address was the absence of a delegate from the west. The south shows a fair proportion of delegates, while the central and west furnish the largest delegations.

Following is the address of Mr. Standard:

Speech of a Chairman Standard.

When I desire to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me by this call to preside over the temporary deliberations of this convention. Early in December at the instance of the board of trade and the business men of Indianapolis a preliminary monetary conference was called to meet here, consisting of representatives of commercial organizations of the central western states, and this conference was composed of some fifty business men.

After a thorough and rather comprehensive discussion of matters under consideration it was resolved to invite the representatives of organizations of the United States to send delegates to a convention to be held in this city today, to consider matters of importance pertaining to the financial policy of our government. Pursuant to this action you have assembled, and I congratulate you on the country upon the assemblage of this convention of business men to consider matters of so great importance to the country. It is not my purpose on this occasion to suggest any given line of policy to be pursued in remedying the evils of which complaint has been made or that has been suggested here or hereafter. But my intention—to my mind—some of the most glaring defects in our financial system. In this connection it is safe for me to say that the stability, prosperity and safety of our commercial, manufacturing, banking and agricultural operations depend upon a safe, comprehensive and sound financial policy for our government. A policy that may be relied on from year to year and from one political administration to another, and to be taken, as far as possible, out of the realm of politics.

Confidence is the foundation on which business and all affairs of material interest are built. There should be enough money to do the business of the country, and there should be no doubt about its character and no shaking of confidence to take it out and keep it out of circulation. The people of the United States not only should have confidence in our financial methods, but all the nations of the earth with whom we have commercial relations should have assurance of the stability of our financial affairs, so that they may know on what basis they are working. This is of great importance to us as well as to the foreign nations when we take into account that during the last year we exported to foreign countries not less than a thousand million of dollars worth of the surplus of our soil and the industry of our people, and imported a little more than seven hundred millions of their products, and while our operations with foreign countries may not be quite so large every year as this, they are of enormous proportions.

The present financial methods of the government are largely those adopted during the war when there were great emergencies. I believe there is a very strong feeling among our people that some method should be adopted for the retirement of the United States and treasury notes, and that they should not much longer be tolerated as a circulating medium. They

have been a hindrance to the prosperity of our government for many years. They are a constant menace to our treasury reserve and to the credit of the government, and when encroachments are made upon these reserves, commerce stands in fear and trembling. There seems to be a well defined conviction among business men from the experience of the past that there should be no notes in circulation which should not be retired when their office has been fulfilled. Whether these notes should be retired at once or gradually, I am not disposed to say; but of the necessity of their retirement, I think there can be no question. I would retire them by the sale of long government bonds at a low rate of interest, if there can be no better way devised for their withdrawal from circulation.

While I am mentioning some of the defects, as I believe, of our monetary system, which come to my mind, I would say that I see no reason why our national banking law should not be so amended as to allow the national banks to issue notes up to the par value of the bonds which they hold as a basis for their issue, instead of issuing, as they are now compelled to do, only 90 per cent of the par value of the bonds that cost them perhaps 115 to 120. This would help in giving us a larger volume of circulation and an inducement to the bank to issue all the bills they could under the new law. Many of the banks, as the law now stands do not issue all the notes they are authorized to do, because much of the time it is not profitable for them to invest in bonds at 120 when they cannot avail themselves of an issue of more than 90 per cent of the par value of the bonds they purchase. Then there is a tax of 1 per cent on the issue of the national bank circulation, and I see no necessity for so large a tax as this, as it must ultimately be paid by the borrower. I believe that the tax should be reduced to one-fourth of one per cent.

There are many advantages connected with the national banking system of the country, and this system, I believe, might, with great benefit to all interested, be extended by allowing under proper safeguards, the establishment of branch banks in smaller cities with largely reduced minimum of capital. I believe there is no instance on record where a loss has come to holders of national bank notes.

There are many suggestions of reform. One is to withdraw all paper money under the denomination of \$10, thereby forcing a larger volume of silver and gold to circulate in the hands of the people, and I believe this is well worthy of favorable consideration.

I do not believe that any criticism can, with reason or justice, stand against commercial or business organizations for taking an active interest and making recommendations to congress in matters of so great concern as these which call us together. I find from the last census that there is an aggregate of over six millions of men employed in manufacturing in the United States, and that there are over four millions of men employed in these establishments, and that the output is over nine millions in value annually. I also find that the average annual value of the cotton, wheat, corn and oats produced in this country is about four billions of dollars, and say nothing of the value of cattle, horses, hogs and almost innumerable other products of the farm and field.

I am sure the banker, merchant, professional man, manufacturer, farmer, miner, artisan, mechanic and laborer all have a community of interest in the cause we are here to promote. In the language of Benjamin Franklin, "We must all hang together or hang separate." The country cannot permanently prosper if any of the essential interests are neglected or sacrificed. All legislation should be for the "greatest good of the greatest number."

However, it is not my purpose to occupy much of the time given to these opening exercises, and while I may have some opinions as to the manner of procedure, and as to the results of the deliberations of this convention, and as to what we should ask congress to do, I believe it is not within my province to make recommendations. But with the greatest confidence in your wisdom and in your patriotic devotion to the work in hand, I now announce the convention ready for any business which may be brought before it. What is your pleasure?

Diagnose to the Middle
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12.—The freedom which is always given to the visiting militia in Springfield was grossly abused yesterday by some of the boys. They gathered several times after the parade near the St. Nicholas hotel, pushed pedestrians off the sidewalks, pulled trolleys from the street cars and made a move to throw one car over on its side. The police remonstrated without avail and then forcibly interfered. Two of them were roughly handled and a renewal of the tactics of the soldiers began. Then the riotous crowd of the soldiers began. Then the riotous crowd of the soldiers began. Then the riotous crowd of the soldiers began.

Rather than have serious trouble and perhaps bloodshed, Chief Malony appealed to General Wheeler, the latter was charged by the untoward conduct of his men. He finally prevailed on them to observe decorum. In the melee Officers Ryan and Kelley sustained slight injuries from bayonets. The men who behaved in this riotous manner were from Chicago.

MORE OF SPANISH BRUTALITY.

Women and Children Were Burned to Death in Hogheads.

Boston, Jan. 12.—The Cuban American junta of New England has received news from its agent in Cuba of an act of brutality which, it is alleged, was perpetrated on a Cuban plantation near Cienfuegos. The plantation was taken by the Spanish troops and all those who did not make their escape were killed. These consisted of a woman aged 74 years, her grand child of 18 years and another family.

All of these, the agent says, were put into sugar hogheads, which were set on fire and the victims burned to death. The letter also tells of the destruction of a body of Spaniards in Trinidad by an American named Taylor, who threw a dynamite bomb into a camp, killing about fifty soldiers.

SPEEDY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Attorney General Harrison Will Proceed Against the Pacific Railroads in the Next 30 Days.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Attorney General Harrison was questioned today as to the course the government would pursue in respect to the Pacific railroads since the funding bill failed. He declined to say more than that some action will probably be taken within thirty days. There is reason for believing the first step will be against the Union Pacific inasmuch as foreclosure proceedings against that road are now pending in court.

WILL VOTE FOR SENATOR

Illinois Legislature Begins That Work Next Tuesday.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12.—The senate selected Tuesday, Jan. 13, as the day for assembling in joint session with the house to begin balloting for United States senator to succeed Palmer. A joint resolution to this effect was adopted by the senate after which it adjourned.

Exc Silver Meeting in Kansas

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 12.—Eight hundred delegates to the state convention of silver clubs met this morning and committees were chosen, and a recess was taken. The object of the meeting is to effect a union of all silver forces.

Ex-United States Senator Martin in the course of his address said: "The battle of silver fought and lost last November was only a skirmish of the outpost. Now we want to attack the entrenchments of the money. Silver is only a surface issue. We want to go to the bottom of this question. You want to declare against trusts and combines of all kinds. You want to declare in favor of the government for closing on the Union Pacific and operating it. Don't stop short of your convictions."

Wolcott Bill Must Be Amended.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Today's Republican senatorial caucus did not result in the final action on the question of international bimetallism. It adjourned to Friday. The failure was not due to opposition to the proposition to provide means for the conference but to the fact that the language of the bill prepared by the Wolcott committee is objectionable to some. The bill, as drafted, provides for the consideration of the "free mintage of silver." Some of the western members objected to this so as to provide for the free and unlimited coinage. Allison in his speech pressed the caucus with the necessity for a complete outline of what was wanted. It was thought better to amend the bill outside of the caucus rather than in

Magazine Explosion.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 12.—The magazine of the Pennsylvania Torpedo company at Shamokin, it is reported, exploded. A number are said to be killed. It completely demolished the building and tore great holes in the ground. It is not known how many victims there were or how many were injured. The concussion was felt for several miles away.

Later reports show that two men and two women were killed and one man injured. The killed are L. D. Sweeney, superintendent, James McCloskey, workman; and two girls.

Princess Chimay Has an Offer.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Princess de Chimay, who eloped with Janoss Rigo, the Hungarian gypsy musician, has been engaged to appear in the Tableau Vivant at the winter garden here immediately after her divorce from her husband. She will be paid \$750 a night.

Idaho Electors.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 12.—The three electoral votes of the state were cast for Bryan and Sewell yesterday.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Sherman Will Within a Few Days Decide Whether He Will Enter the Cabinet.

FRAMING THE NEW TARIFF BILL.

Representative Johnson of California Makes an Indecent Speech—The Second Class Mail Matter Bill Passes the House—Cuba.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Senator Sherman will probably settle the question of whether he is to be secretary of state in the coming administration, during the present week, as he will, by special invitation, have a personal conference with President-elect McKinley at Canton. Mr. Sherman's personal inclinations are not towards the cabinet, but he is prepared to do his duty as a good Republican and a patriotic citizen, and if it be the wish of President McKinley and of the Ohio Republicans, who have given him such great political honors in the past that he should accept a cabinet portfolio, he will not allow his personal inclinations to stand in the way. That he would make a good secretary of state is as certain as that he has made a good senator and a good secretary of the treasury, and while his colleagues would miss his experience and wisdom in the senate, the knowledge that President McKinley and the country would have the benefit of them would go far towards consoling them for the loss.

Having heard what the parties directly interested had to say about the new tariff bill, the Republicans of the house yesterday began the actual construction of the bill. The Democratic members of the committee had the privilege of attending the hearings, and some of them availed themselves of it, but the construction of the bill will only be participated in by the Republican members. Chairman Dingley has pointed out the difference in this task and the construction of the McKinley bill in 1890, and it should not be lost sight of by those who are interested in seeing the arduous task successfully performed. In 1890 the treasury had a surplus which was growing larger all the time, and the tariff bill was intended to protect American products and manufactures, and at the same time, to reduce the receipts of the government. Now, again referring to Chairman Dingley's words, the new tariff bill must protect American products and manufactures, and at the same time, add from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000 a year to the government receipts, in order to provide for the deficit made by the insufficiency of revenue produced by the Democratic tariff bill, which Mr. Cleveland denounced as an outrage and refused to sign, and which he now declares to be a good thing, notwithstanding all the trouble it has brought to the country.

The loud bill depriving sample copies of newspapers and books of the right to be sent through the mail at pound rates was passed by the house, and has now gone to the senate, where its prospect of being acted upon is far from bright. It will be fought hard and time is getting scarce. The speech of Representative Johnson of California on the Pacific railroad funding bill, which was today disposed of by the house, in which he made a vicious personal attack upon Mr. W. R. Hearst, proprietor of the San Francisco Examiner and the New York Journal, is much regretted by all who heard it. Some of the language of Mr. Johnson was so vulgar and indecent that it could not be printed in newspapers which go through the mail without a violation of law—such language as should never be heard in a gathering of gentlemen and which no provocations can excuse. Disgusting people never brings them to your way of thinking. It remained for Senator Mills to introduce a humorous phrase to the Cuban question. His resolution, upon which he made a speech today in his usual style—he works harder than a blacksmith when he makes a speech—after reciting that Cuba ought to be free and declaring that this country recognizes its independence, and that the president must not in harmony with congress, provides for the appointment of a United States minister to Cuba and appropriates \$10,000 to pay his salary and expenses. The idea of appointing a minister to a country which as yet has neither government, according to the common American conception of government, nor a capital is regarded as about the choicest tidbit of humor turned up at the present session of congress, although Mr. Mills doesn't pose as a funny man. Representative and Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, is back from his fool trip

to Cuba, but if he found out anything that the newspapers have not already acquainted the people of the United States with he has not told it. He has suddenly adopted an owl-like style. He looks mysterious and drops mysterious hints about what he might tell if so disposed, but it does not fool anybody.

MONEY TOLD STATE SECRETS.

The Mississippi Senator by a Statement of Cuban Trouble Tells Consul General Lee in a Bad Hole.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Senators and representatives are surprised and Secretary Olney is indignant because Representative Money of Mississippi, who is also a senator-elect, furnished to a New York newspaper on his return from Cuba a day or two ago confidential information given him by Consul General Lee in Havana.

Mr. Money went to Cuba on a tour of investigation on his private account. He was received as an American public man and shown every attention, both by United States diplomatic representatives there and by the Spanish officials. Having concluded his inquiries he returned to this country, refused to be interviewed, and gave to a New York paper for pay an article which contained the following paragraphs:

"At the very outset I will say that everything I saw and heard taught me that Spain is unable to cope with this insurrection. She will never put it down. Spain will never end this war with victory to herself."

"This is also the opinion of Consul General Fitzhugh Lee, and he has heretofore expressed it to Secretary Olney. He has told the secretary of state that the insurrectionists, whether soon or late, were bound to succeed. The last thing General Fitzhugh Lee said to me as I left Havana was:

"Please see Secretary Olney and tell him that today I am more firmly convinced than ever that Spain cannot put down the insurrection, and that every day it continues means loss of life and property, without the remotest encouragement of any final Spanish success. As I long since told him, the insurrection will succeed. My judgment to that effect receives daily confirmation."

"Yesterday I saw Secretary Olney and communicated to him General Lee's message. I am not permitted, however, to make public Mr. Olney's comments."

Among senators the opinion is general that Mr. Money has overstepped the bounds in thus making public a confidential communication made to him by Consul General Lee. He acquired his information upon representations concerning the character of his mission which were not borne out by the facts, and his haste to impart his news to the public, at the expense of the consul general, who had entertained him, is severely condemned.

Publication of the results of Mr. Money's inquiries has served to confirm the statements made while General Lee was in Washington, that he is firmly convinced the insurgents cannot be suppressed by any military tactics which Spain is now pursuing. It was known at the time that the consul general had so reported to the president and to Secretary Olney. The administration, however, has become hopeful, on account of representations made by the Spanish authorities, that the insurgents are in such straits they will be willing to accept home rule as the price of peace.

There is great curiosity in official circles here to learn the truth of the report to the effect that General Gomez has offered terms of peace to the Spanish government. The Cuban junta deny the story in the most positive terms, and the Spanish minister is quite as positive that it is true.

PLAIN TALK BY MINISTERS.

Some Methodist Ministers Who Have No Faith in the Prohibition Party—One Calls Mr. John a Vagabond.

St. Louis, Jan. 12.—Methodist Episcopal ministers became considerably wrought up yesterday morning over questions of politics, and grew so enthusiastic and personal in interrupting one another's speeches that Chaplain H. Gorty called them down, saying they "acted like boys." "When one is through," he said, "it is time for another to talk; but while one brother is talking the other brethren should keep still."

The cause of the discussion was a paper on "The Liquor Traffic," by the presiding elder, Rev. Dr. O. M. Stewart. Dr. Stewart was very strong in his condemnation of intemperance, and of the saloon keepers. He said he considered the liquor traffic at present a great peril to the United States government than anything else, and that it was the devil, and the devil only, that prompted preachers over to vote with the saloon keeper.

From his extreme earnestness the preachers got the impression that he was bidding them to vote the third party ticket, and several who had done otherwise immediately to defend themselves.

Rev. Dr. J. B. Young said it was impossible by the combination to make

hibition a national issue, and he cited Arkansas, Kansas and Iowa as instances where prohibition had come through the efforts of temperance people who had voted the Democratic or Republican ticket. He said if he were a member of a congregation he would most heartily resent and show "by his eye at least" that he disapproved of any advice from his pastor as to how he should vote.

Rev. Dr. J. F. Corrington, who at the W. C. T. U. convention had let it be known that he voted the Republican ticket, made a very emphatic speech in defense of his course. He said he objected to being called "a marauder and a desperado," just because he was not a third party man; that the third party had never yet accomplished anything, because of its fanaticism, and he favored instead the non-partisan movement which is now being carried forward in Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Rev. Harvey A. Jones of Goode Avenue church, and Rev. Mr. Kallong of East St. Louis, spoke in favor of the third party. Rev. Dr. Jacke of Kansas City, Kan., spoke strongly on the other side, and blamed the third party in Kansas for siding with the Populists. The Republicans, he said, had given the temperance people everything they asked for, but now there was so many factions in the state that nothing could be done for temperance. He spoke of ex-Governor St. John as a "vagrator."

It did not apparently occur to the ministers that any of them could favor the saloons, however, divided they might be as to methods. Bishop Bowman, however, remarked on the intemperate habits of some clergymen he had known in his boyhood, "though never Methodists, thank God!" he said.

He told of three or four ministers near his early home in Pennsylvania who were much addicted to drink one of them generally taking a dram just before he entered the pulpit, and he congratulated those who heard him on the great advance in public sentiment on this question.

The discussion was closed by Dr. Stewart, who said he had not meant to assert that every preacher was bound to vote the third party ticket, but rather that he should always, without fear, cast his influence against the saloon men, and that he should so "preach righteousness" that his hearers could not do otherwise than favor temperance.

Illinois Solid for McKinley.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12.—The presidential electors for Illinois met in the supreme court room at 3 o'clock yesterday and cast their votes for McKinley and Hunt for president and vice president of the United States. Judge Horace S. Clark of Mattoon, was made chairman and Noble B. Judah of Chicago, secretary. Frederick M. Blount was selected as messenger to carry the certificate to Washington. The following telegrams were sent:

"Springfield, Ill., Jan. 11, 1897.—Hon. William McKinley, Canton, Ohio: As presidential electors for Illinois giving you twenty-four votes, we send greetings and predict great things for your administration. Under its influence we expect to see our whole country make wonderful progress and enjoy wonderful prosperity during the closing years of the century. God bless you and our country."

Signed by all the electors

"Springfield, Ill., January 11, 1897.—Garrett A. Hobart: The electoral college of Illinois, giving you twenty-four votes, sends greetings and expressions of good will.

Horace S. Clark, President"

"Springfield, Ill., January 11, 1897.—Hon. S. M. Cullom, Washington, D. C.: The electoral college of Illinois sends greetings and expressions of good will.

Horace S. Clark, President."

Trouble Over Young People's Rates.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—There is a prospect of trouble between the lines of the Western Passenger association and those of the Transcontinental Passenger association over the rates and arrangements for the meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at San Francisco next July. No definite arrangements have been made as to rates, but it is charged that some of the transcontinental roads have already contracted for large parties on the basis of a round trip rate of \$50 between Chicago and San Francisco. There is some talk among the roads of the Western Passenger association of taking action that will compel the society to hold its meeting elsewhere, and thus punish the roads that have made the contracts. The matter will be proved very carefully before any action is taken, but there is already much strong feeling over it.

Live Stock Exchange Near True Outside. San Francisco, Jan. 12.—Henry Miller, middle aged, shot himself above the heart probably fatally today. At the receiving hospital he said that until recently he was a member of the live stock exchange of Chicago and a heavy handler of cattle. One time he was worth \$200,000. Subsequently he was left practically penniless. He says he has three married daughters in Chicago.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Commencing Monday, January 11, 1897, we will give instructions absolutely free of charge in Art Needlework every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, between the hours of 9 and 11 A. M. and 2 and 4 P. M. Pupils must furnish materials.

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A VERY OLD TUB.

Roman Hoist That Dates Back Sixteen Centuries.

My thoughts, when I was at the ruins of Silchester recently, were that hundreds of antiquarians all over the country would have given gold to anyone who should have told them of the great "find" that was there and then to be safely brought to hand, says a letter in London Truth. A friend and myself strolled over from Aldershot to view the ruins and as many of the "finds" as were still to be seen, Mr. Davis, F. S. A., at present superintending the operations, explained to us how, when digging out an old well, he made the lucky discovery of a tunnel which conducted him to an ancient gate, the existence of which had not been before suspected. A windlass had been fitted up over a well in feet deep, and men were digging out shafts of earth which were being diligently hauled up. For two weeks the work at this point had been going on, and within the last week it had been discovered that this was an old Roman tub-well. The wood seemed somewhat rotten, as might be expected after 1,600 years, so that the raising of the tub caused the greatest anxiety. The tub had been ingeniously fitted by Mr. Davis with two wooden shelves running all round it, one at the top and the other at the bottom, both of which served to protect it from any strain during the preparation for hoisting it, and also relieved the tub of its own weight during the process of hoisting. After one unsuccessful attempt to bring it up, during which a small portion of it was knocked off, it was triumphantly raised to light in a comparatively perfect state of preservation. We expect that the tub will shortly be on view at the Reading museum, where there is already a beautiful collection of Silchester relics.

RED TURTLES.

They Live and Breed in a Spring Whose Temperature is 226 Degrees.

That portion of southern or lower California called Hell's Half-Acre appears to be situated directly over a subterranean fire, which causes the mud and water to boil as in a caldron, says the St. Louis Republic. At one place on the Half-Acre there are over 100 boiling springs and hot mud geysers on a plot of ground that is not of greater extent than a common city square. The chief spring in this queer aggregation of boiling and spouting jets of mud and water is called the fountain of the Boiled Turtles on account of its curious habit of occasionally ejecting numbers of small red turtles. The temperature of this spring is 226 degrees, 14 degrees higher than the temperature required to boil water under ordinary atmospheric pressure. Notwithstanding the fact that the temperature is sufficient to boil meat perfectly within a few minutes, the small red turtles spoken of live and breed there just as the ordinary variety does in waters of common lakes, rivers and other streams. The spring is called the fountain of Boiled Turtles because the queer, hard-shelled creatures of being cooked perfectly done.

SURE CURE FOR SHIPWRECK.

What a Sunday School Pupil Would Do to Save the Ocean.

A certain young woman on the North side teaches a class in a mission Sunday school. She had a difficult task, says the Chicago Times-Herald, imparting scraps of religious instruction to her young charges, and often amusing answers, unconsciously returned to questions which she asks. On one occasion she asked her pupils:

"What do the high priests do?"

And received the reply:

"They buried insects before the people," by which the youngest of her class meant insects.

But one of the funniest experiences, which well shows the queer ideas which the children receive in their lessons, was given when, after a discussion of shipwreck which followed a lesson three or four weeks previously on the well-known story of Jonah and the whale, she happened to ask:

"Suppose a big storm arose at sea and it looked as though you were going to be drowned, what would you do?"

"I would throw a man overboard for a whale to swallow," was the reply.

An Indian's Ticket-of-Leave.

When Young Chief, a prominent member of the Umatilla tribe, in Oregon, goes away for his annual vacation, he is granted the freedom of the state by the following notice to whom it may concern: "Young Chief has permission to visit Wallows and surrounding country, with various other Indians, to be away 30 days. He is a good, law-abiding man, and very friendly toward whites. If any of his crowd are boisterous or violate any law, if reported to me, I will have the matter rectified. Any favor shown him will be appreciated. He respects the whites and asks that they respect him."

Insurance Against Idleness.

Insurance against unemployment is an accomplished fact in Cologne, Workingmen who have resided two years in that city and are over 18 years of age can join the society. The dues are six cents per week. If unemployed more than six weeks, 50 cents per day is paid to him if married, 38 cents if single. The city has started a guaranty fund for the society with \$5,000 to which \$14,500 has been added by subscriptions among employers. The society hopes to enroll enough members to meet all liabilities likely to occur.

Machine for Weighing Thought.

A thought-weighing machine has been invented by Prof. Mosso, an Italian physiologist, the rush of blood to the head turning the scale. The machine is so delicate that it can measure the difference in the exertion needed to read Greek from that required for Latin.

JUSTICE IN ALABAMA.

Why a Prisoner Was Declared "Not Guilty."

A Jacksonville broker, while traveling in the Alabama mountains, was invited by a friend, a local judge, to attend the trial of a "cracker" for shooting a dandy, and, the prisoner having no money to hire a lawyer, the judge appointed the broker to defend him, allowing that if the broker was not a lawyer, "he was an idiot because he wasn't one"—a judgment amply supported by his conduct of the case, says the San Francisco Argonaut. The broker cross-examined the witness briefly, sending in now and then a discomfiting trajectory. When he came to make a speech, he said: "Gentlemen of the jury, I have taken great pains to show you that my client was a respectable citizen. Ten witnesses have asserted—on oath, mind you—that he stands high in his community." The defendant was six feet three inches tall and the jury smiled. "He stood high in his community, and that is sufficient. Now, for the law. We find in the thirteenth verse of the sixteenth chapter of 'Chitty on Pleadings'—Chitty, gentlemen, was one of the bravest generals in the confederate army—this well-established principle of law." Here the broker adjusts his glasses, holds the book far off, elevates his chin and reads: "No respectable white man can be guilty of crime." That, gentlemen, is enough. I leave the case in your hands."

Each juror changed his quid, looked at his neighbor, nodded and, without leaving their seats, they rendered a loud and emphatic verdict of "Not guilty," and then joined in three cheers for the defendant and his lawyer.

THEY WERE KIN.

But the Traveler Did Not Care to Inquire Too Closely.

"The best joke I ever heard was on me," said J. D. Buford to a Washington Star reporter.

"I was in Wise county, Va., in the heart of the mountains, in the southwestern part of the old dominion. I am a Virginian, and in common with all loyal Virginians, claim kinship to every one of my name in the state. The landlender saw my name on the register. 'So you name's Buford?' he said. 'Yes.' 'After he sum Buford's hyar?' 'Well, they must have been relations. My family are all Virginians.' 'Yas. Yo' do favor 'em. Reckon yo' all air kin. Yo' look jess like Dave.' 'My father's name was Dave.' 'Thar war three, Bob, John an' Dave.' 'I have uncles by those names. They are family names.' 'Yo' sho' air kin. I thought so, minit I looked at yo'.' 'You say the Bufords moved away?' 'Not exactly.' 'I thought you said they used to live here?' 'That's what I sed. Yo' see, John an' Dave was Bob's sons. Th' ole man was gwine fer marry agin, so th' boys woulda' git th' little property th' ole man had, an' they killed 'im, so we hung John an' Dave.' 'I did not trace the relationship or the family resemblance any farther.'"

SHE CHANGED IT.

But the New Subject Was an Objectionable One to Him as the Old One.

He threw his newspaper on the floor and waved both hands over his head, while his clenched teeth refused to give exit to the remarks which seemed struggling to come out, says the Detroit Free Press.

"What's the matter, Orlando?" his wife exclaimed, although with less agitation than she seemed to be in ways.

"Every time I am reminded of," he muttered, in a voice which shook, "I am filled with indignation."

"Every time you think of what, Orlando?"

"Of the way Europe gets our money. Our herrenses marry umblesmen. European actors and singers come over her and ship money home in barrels. They take it in so fast they're too busy to count it. The outflow of wealth from this country is something awful."

"Well, Orlando, I suppose it's pretty bad. But did you know that you haven't had the leaky faucet in the kitchen attended to yet?"

"That is not the topic under consideration," he exclaimed, savagely.

"Not exactly. But you know, dear, you aren't going to have nearly as much trouble with the outflow of money as you will with the outflow from that faucet if they find out about it and make you pay a fine for wasting water."

A Remarkable Nevada Wood.

One of the most remarkable products of Nevada is a species of wood known as mountain mahogany, which, when dry, is as hard as boxwood, very fine grained, red in color, and of very high specific gravity. It has been used for boxes for shellings, and, in some instances, for slides and dies in quartz batteries. It burns with a blaze as long-lasting as ordinary wood, but after going through what appears to be regular combustion it is found almost unchanged in form, being converted into a charcoal that lasts about twice as long as ordinary wood, giving out immense heat, greater than coal, all the time.

A Singing Fish.

A reader of the St. Louis Republic residing at Bentonville, Ark., writes as follows: "I read your 'note' on 'vocal fishes' in 'Notes for the Curious' on September 12 and wish to say that along the coast of Florida and Georgia I have often heard the musical notes of what the old fishermen call the 'singing shad.' They differ from the common shad in being smaller and also in the formation of their mouths. Their singing is pleasant at first, but soon grows monotonous, owing to the fact that it is a constant repetition of the same sounds."

HERE'S A COOL HOUSE.

A German Inventor Conceives a Scheme to Keep You Comfortable in Summer.

The house of the water tubes is the remarkable building freak of a German inventor, who claims that he has solved the problem of a constant temperature that may be regulated at will, and incidentally secured a structure that combines the elements of strength, comfort and beauty.

He first put up a skeleton of his house, the frame for walls and floors, being of water tubing, connected with a pumping and boiler system in the basement. Around this skeleton, says the New York Journal, he put up his house in the ordinary way. The tubes were within the walls and between the floors and ceilings. In the summer time this tubing is connected with the regular water supply, and a steady stream flows through the pipes in the walls and under the floors, circulating under pressure, absorbing the heat of the walls and floors as it flows. During the long and severe winter the tubing is connected with the boiler, and water heated to 100 degrees forced through the circuit of pipes. The water at the outlet is found to have decreased to 40 degrees, the remaining 60 degrees having been distributed throughout the house. The speed of the circulation of water can be regulated so as to allow the fixing and maintenance of a certain temperature throughout the building.

IS ONLY FIVE BLOCKS LONG.

Trolley Line in Chicago Which Operates But One Car.

To the average Chicagoan a trolley line unconsciously suggests great distances. His city is so big. It will surprise many, therefore, to learn that a line actually in operation in the business district, the rolling stock of which runs a trifle less than five blocks.

This line, says the Chronicle, operates on Clark street and simply runs from Washington to Illinois street. Its rolling stock consists of one car, and its operatives include one conductor and one motorman. It is run for the special benefit of South Water street merchants who live on the north side but is safe to say not one of these men in a thousand know that such is the case. As for the general public not one person in the thousand, know of its existence. Incidentally, too, the line is operated to retain the franchise.

"We give transfers to the cable line going north," said the conductor when asked for information, "but we don't transfer to any other cars."

"Have you many passengers each day?"

"Yes; we're crowded," he said, with a laugh. "Sometimes I get one—then again another."

THE WAY IT ACTED.

It Was Quite a New Thing to Sam and He Was Bound to Try It.

A tailor named Sam Smith, from a country place, visited a large wholesale warehouse and ordered a quantity of goods. He was politely received and one of the principals showed him over the establishment. On reaching the fourth floor the customer saw a speaking tube on the wall, the first he had ever seen, says the Detroit Free Press.

"What is that?" he asked.

"Oh, that is a speaking tube. It is a great convenience. We can talk with it to the clerks on the first floor without taking the trouble of going downstairs."

"Can they hear anything that you say through it?"

"Yes, and they can reply."

"You don't say so! May I talk through it?"

"Certainly."

The visitor put his mouth to the tube and asked:

"Are Sam Smith's goods packed yet?"

The people in the office supposed it was the salesman who had asked the question, and in a moment the distinct reply came back:

"No; we are waiting for a telegram from his town. He looks like a slippery customer."

Didn't Believe It.

Some years ago, while visiting the Spokanes, Gen. Philip Sheridan related to the Indians, through an interpreter, the wonders of the railroad, and then waited to see what effect the revelation would have upon them. "What do they say?" he asked the interpreter. "They say they don't believe it," was the answer. Sheridan then described the steamboat, and the interpreter repeated this. "What do they say to that?" the general asked again, seeing the Indians faces all impressive. "They say they don't believe that, either." Then the general gave an account of the telephone, and told how a man at the end of a long wire had talked to a man at the other end of it. The interpreter remained silent. "Well," said the general, "why don't you interpret that to them?" "Because I don't believe that story myself," answered the conscientious man.

Dinners Are Useful.

One day, when somebody objected to the practice of having dinners for parish or public purposes, "Sir," said Lord Stowell, "I approve of the dining system; it puts people in a good humor and makes them agree when they otherwise might not; a dinner lubricates business."

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LOCAL NEWS.

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The W. C. T. U. will hold a franchise
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Little Diana cigar; business men's
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Elocution and music tonight at the
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Tender roast beef with brown gravy
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rant.—Oct 21-dtf

Leo Mesmer will play base ball the
coming season with the Quincy club of
the Western association.

Assignee Drake will sell at auction the
remainder of the Loveland & Melohols
stock of pictures and frames.

Dr. C. U. Smith, dentist, has removed
from the Arcade to the Pasfield building,
224 North Main street.—6-dtf

The Equal Suffrage society will meet
Friday at 8:30 p. m., Jan. 15, with Mrs.
Stafford, 263 Mason street.

The place to get a piano or organ to
suit you is at the C. B. Prescott music
house. Call and see the elegant instru-
ments. Prices low, terms easy.

Joseph Bernu attended the dance on
Broadway last night. Somebody stole
his overcoat or took it away through mis-
take.

The first man to call upon Collector
Carter to pay his taxes Monday was At-
torney E. H. McDonald who turned over
\$35.

On account of the funeral of Mrs. C. A.
Towne, the called meeting of the Social
Helpers of the Christian church, is post-
poned from Wednesday until Friday after-
noon at 2:30 o'clock. By order of the
president.

Gentlemen's soiled and faded over-
coats or suit of clothes dyed, cleaned,
pressed and repaired. Take your
clothes to first-class dyers and
cleaners—to Miller's Steam Dye
House, 145 North Main street.

Dr. W. J. and Will Chenoweth have
finished refitting and painting their off-
ices on William street. Dr. W. J. Cheno-
weth has not moved his office as was stat-
ed but is still at the same place.

The K. P. dedicating team will meet
for rehearsal tomorrow night at the hall.
Every one of the subordinate and
grand lodge officers is expected to be pre-
sent promptly on time.—7 p. m.

In the county court last evening Alex-
ander Decker pleaded guilty to getting
money on bank checks by false pretenses.
He was fined \$10 and costs and given a
sentence of thirty days in the county jail.
Decker will see that the fine is paid. He
will be at liberty in February.

Chicago, Pa., "Herald." Richard Ven-
sell reports One Minute Cough Cure the
greatest success of medical science. He
told us that it cured his whole family of
terrible coughs and colds, after all
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THE DELBARTO CLUB.

Lecture by Miss Brooks, of Springfield, at
the Woman's Club House.

There was a large audience of ladies at
the assembly room of the Woman's club
house last night to hear the instructive
lecture on Delbartism delivered by Miss
Margaret Brooks, of the Boston Stuart In-
stitute, Springfield. The young lady
treated the subject in all its bearings and
gave considerable valuable instruction as
to physical culture.

Miss Brooks in her lecture said in part:
"Many persons have an erroneous idea of
the term delbartism. This is true from
the fact that 'statue posing' 'Greek dan-
cing' 'feather movements,' and so forth
have been given recently in this country
by persons who know comparatively little
of the system. This system is peculiarly
adapted to the wants of the Woman's club
because the movements begin with relax-
ing exercises and are especially beneficial
for nervousness and to counteract the
hurry and work of household affairs be-
cause they are slow and soothing." The
lecturer stated that she had proposed in
her course of lessons not to confine herself
entirely to delbartism, because she considers
many of the movements of the Swedish
gymnastics of the greatest benefit. The
subject of good breathing will receive es-
pecial attention, the lessons on breathing
being founded on Leo Keller's system.

The Club.
Those who joined the class last night
were Misses Adele Lower, Edna Strader,
Dot Clokey, Alice Baker, Mary Harry,
Mary Clary, Clara Hawkins, A. Marie
Macpherson, Lillian B. Irwin, Grace
Hutchinson, Ida Sanford, Margaret Mur-
phrey, Jessie Brown, Carrie Mallory, Eva
Bixby, Mary Moore, Maudie R. Brand,
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Mary Kethes. Mesdames Eli Bronne-
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Jones, Charles Akers, V. N. Hostetler, P.
H. Hunt, W. C. Johns, F. J. Woulfe, J.
G. Badenhausen, Fred Norman.

The classes will meet each Friday after-
noon at 4 o'clock and at 7:30. A number
of the teachers from the public schools
are preparing to organize a class among
themselves. The class will be much
larger than this and names will be re-
ceived at each meeting.

Decatur at the Capitol.
The governor's inaugural ball at the
state house last night was a brilliant
affair, and many notable people were pre-
sent. It was a great display of beauty and
style. Decatur was represented. The
Chicago Tribune today devoted consid-
erable space to the toilets of the ladies.

These are extracts from the report:
Miss Kathryn Harwood, Decatur—Yel-
low satin, covered with Paris muslin,
trimmed with turquoise velvet and vi-
olets.

Miss Mae Harwood—Silver blue broad-
edged satin, trimmed with lace and rose col-
ored velvet. La France roses.

Mrs. Killbuck—Harwood, Decatur—
Hollister broad edged silk, trimmed with
velvet and unbordered mousseline de
sole, point lace, diamonds, and bouquet
of violets.

Mrs. C. N. Twaddell, Decatur—Black
broad edged silk, velvet jet and chiffon trim-
mings; La France roses.

Miss Vredenburg—Pink Dresden tal-
ceta, with embroidered chiffon and white
spangles.

Mrs. Tanner's gown was fashioned of
pure white mirrored velvet, with decollete
waist of white embroidered chiffon, elab-
orate trimmed in pearl passementerie.
The sleeves were of butterfly pattern and
very fluffy at the top. The skirt was out
with a court train. Mrs. Tanner's nup-
tial gift, an elegant collar ornament of
diamonds, in a fleur-de-lis design, decorated
the hair. A large bouquet of white
orchids completed the ensemble.

Lewis Morrison as Richelieu.
Mr. Lewis Morrison is an actor of intel-
ligence and long experience. In his en-
career he has played a great and varied
number of parts but he has found none
that he feels more rightfully belongs to
him than that of Cardinal Richelieu. He
is peculiarly fitted for this part in voice,
physique and the eagle like sharpness of
his eyes. It is a good thing for the wel-
fare of the legitimate drama that we have
an actor like Mr. Morrison. The deen-
dence of all that is best and noblest in the
art of Theopie is a thing that has long
been deplored but while such men as Mr.
Morrison remains it can never become ex-
tinct. There will always be enough lov-
ers of art such as his to keep alive all the
loved and honored traditions of the stage.

Mr. Morrison will produce Richelieu at
the Grand opera house next Thursday,
Jan. 11, and all those who admire real
good acting should not miss this oppor-
tunity.

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Increasing cloudi-
ness; rain or snow by Wednesday morn-
ing; wind, variable; temperature, variable;
shifting to easterly.

A Pessimistic Democrat.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: Senator
David B. Hill takes a rather more gloomy
view of the future of his party than most
of his brother Democrats hold—or, at any
rate, a more gloomy view than they ex-
press. "The demagogue," he says, "by
their violent denunciations, have driven every
man of property from the Democratic
party, and the party is now on the rocks
of Populism." He thinks that the sound
money Democrats will want to control the
party in 1900. But whether they get into
control or not, he believes that the
Democrats face to rely upon is that the
"Republicans will have some fierce quar-
rels among themselves."

Here, indeed, is a blacker picture of
Democratic prospects than any intelligent
opponent of that party has painted. The
monitor is doubtless correct in supposing
that the gold Democrats will make an at-
tempt to get control of the party machin-
ery in 1900, and if the silver issue, which
is now out of politics, remains out they
may succeed. If silverism returns, how-
ever, the sound money men in the Demo-
cracy are likely to be so far in the minor-
ity that they will have to renew their al-
liance with the Republicans. Some of
them probably will continue the alliance
in any event. In only one eventuality—
the failure of prosperity to return before
the beginning of the campaign to choose
delegates to the national convention
three years hence—can silver have a
chance to come up in 1900 with anything
like the strength which it had in 1896,
and this chance looks very remote at the
present time.

This expectation of possible Republican
quarrels is a factor toward Democratic
success in an Illinois canvass. Reads
among the officials of the party in pow-
er are, it is true, such a familiar manifes-
tation in politics that they are looked for
at each change of regime. They some-
times fail to make their appearance then
and come years afterward if the party
maintains its sway long. This was the
case with the federalists in the quarrel be-
tween Adams and Hamilton, and with
the Republicans in the Garfield-Cleveland
wrangle. They occasionally take place,
though at the outset in the party's con-
trol of the government, as happened
with the whigs in the Clay-Tyler bank
conflict of 1841, and with the Democrats
in the Gorman-Cleveland tariff fight of
1894. Still, though history has a habit
of repeating itself in embarrassing ways
at opportune times, there is a reason-
able probability that this phenomenon
will not reveal itself in a form which will
trouble the Republicans. The incentives
for harmony among the Republicans are
especially powerful at this time, and it is
fair to believe that they will be decisive.
The Republicans return to the control of
the government in a crisis which demands
from the dominant party the highest
qualities of statesmanship, but it is safe
to assume that, knowing their opportuni-
ties and responsibilities, they will be able
to meet its requirements in a reasonably
satisfactory way.

A Gem from Speaker Reed.

Thomas B. Reed has said and written
many pungent paragraphs but none bet-
ter than the following in his introduction
to "Protection and Prosperity":

Somehow or other, times like these are
great educators. How very fine used to be
the sneer about lifting one's self by
the boot straps! How clear used also to
be the demonstration that taxes could
create nothing! What a fine, large mouth
the consumer had those days, and how
guilty and unworthy seemed the hands of
the producer! Now the unbridled mouth
has discovered who owns the lands. This
book will show you that this has been the
history of nations, a hundred times; nay,
it has been the history of our own nation
half a score of times in our short life.
Like the Spanish Grandee in the Comedie
we were well and wanted to be bet-
ter, took medicine, and here we are. Is
it worth while to undergo this death and
resurrection again? We shall never do it
if we lay fast hold on the facts of the
universe. There may be a time come
when nations will be no more, when the
brotherhood of man may be established,
when communication may be so rapid,
when we shall be so equally advanced in
civilization, that nobody will care where
he lives or is buried; when distance shall
be no more, and when the universal
stage is spoken by everybody without
in that time we may lose nation-
hood, and become citizens of the world.
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English speaking nations were ready to
clutch each other by the throat about a
boundary thousands of miles away, and
the German emperor was ready to fight
the kingdom of his grandmother about
some people in Africa whose ancestors
left the fatherland so long ago that his-
tory is not quite sure that they did leave
it. Nationality is a fact, brotherhood is a
hope. Perhaps if we live up to our fact,
that may be the best way to arrive at our
hope.

How Cobden Fooled the Farmers.

George B. Curtis in "Protection and
Prosperity" relates how Richard Cobden
and his associates told the farmers of Eng-
land that free trade would bring them
prosperity. He says:

Mr. Cobden ridiculed the warnings of
Lord George Bentinck, Disraeli and others.
Referring to their prophecies, he says:

"They have told them, the farmers,
with all the high authority that belongs
to their life and station, that the Corn
Laws will be abolished; they tell their
tools, the papers, like Grandmother, to
deal out in their diurnal twaddle the
argument that if the Corn Laws were abo-
lished, the farmers would be ruined even
if they paid no rent."

Again, in the same year Mr Cobden de-
clared that it was positively demoralizing
to argue that the English farmer could
not, with free imports, compete against
the foreigner. Men who indulged in such
reasoning were, he said, "gross hum-
bugs" who were guilty of "a gratuitous
piece of impertinence." Free trade he
added, "will make the agriculturist of
this country capable of competing with
the farmers of any part of the world."

"And yet today the farms of England
are ruined and the farmers a class of
hangers-on."

Yesterday the presidential electors elect-
ed by the people, met in the several state
capitals and cast their votes for presi-
dent, giving McKinley 271; Bryan, 176;
Hobart, 271; Sewall, 116; Watson, 30.
Watson's votes came from Arkansas, 3;
Colorado, 1; Idaho, 1; Louisiana, 1; Mis-
souri, 4; Montana, 2; Nebraska, 4; North
Carolina, 6; Utah, 2; Wyoming, 1.

A FUNERAL CUSTOM.

The Customs of a Woman in a Wild
Mountain Country.

"On my first circuit I had a lesson
in human nature that I have never for-
gotten," said a Methodist minister to a
Washington Star reporter.

The circuit was in the mountains of
West Virginia, and among the members
of my church was a widow, who, in ad-
dition to the loss of her husband, had
suffered from earthly parting with four
of her children, leaving but two, a girl
and a boy nearly grown.

"One night I was asked to hasten to
her cabin, which I did, reaching there
just in time to be with her son when he
died from the effects of an accident."

"The mother, although deeply
grieved, acted more calmly than I
peoted, and early in the morning I went
home, returning in the afternoon. I
found the widow in the paroxysm of
tears. I tried to comfort her with the
usual Christian consolation. Finally she
quieted down enough to say:

"'Tain't only that he died. I know
he's a heap better off."
"What is it, then?"
"We kin't hev no funeral."

"No funeral?"
"No. Sal's jess got back from the
city, an' not a yad o' black hev they got.
I never did 'tend no funeral 'bout black,
an' I ain't goin' ter 'tend now. He kin
git 'long ter be buried 'thout a funeral
better'n I kin beem myse'f 'f I hev one
when I ain't got nothin' 'tten to w'ar."

"And Jim was buried with no one
present except his mother, his sister
and me."

OLD-TIME SOUTHERN SPORT.

Members of Hunting Clubs on Whom Big
Fines Were Imposed.

Among the sports of olden times the
hunting clubs were prominent every-
where, says the Atlanta Constitution.
In Camden county one of the most fa-
mous of clubhouses in this country was
built at Bear Hammock and kept under
the supervision of Gen. John Floyd. It
was there that the Camden County
Hunting club organized in 1832, held its
meetings, made its rules and imposed
its fines.

The charter members of the club
were Charles R. Floyd, Richard Floyd,
Henry Floyd, John Floyd, Ben Hopkins,
J. H. Diworth, James Holzendorf, John
Holzendorf, Alexander Holzendorf, P.
M. Nightingale, William Berrie and
Henry du Bignon. Several members
joined afterward. The club dress was
a scarlet jacket and black pantaloons
and a fine of 500 copper caps was im-
posed on Alexander Holzendorf at one
meeting for not having on the regula-
tion dress. No member was to be ab-
sent from the meetings unless by good
excuse, and James Holzendorf was
fined 1,000 copper caps for one absence.
After the day's hunt, sometimes with
the luck of 16 deer, an elegant dinner
was served before dispersing.

The 10th rule read: "Game is con-
sidered by the club to be deer, bear,
hogs, cows, bulls, wildcats and turkeys."
Wild cattle and hogs abounded in the
woods in those days, the latter living
to an old age, which was told by the
tusks, sometimes eight to ten inches
long.

THE TURN OF LIFE.

THE MOST CRITICAL PERIOD IN
THE LIFE OF A WOMAN.

Experience of Mrs. Kelly, of Patchogue,
Long Island.

There is no period in woman's earthly
career which she approaches with so
much anxiety as the "change of life."
Yet during the past twenty years
women have learned much from a
woman.

It is safe to say that women who
prepare themselves for the
eventful period, pass
through it much easier
than in the past.

There is but one course to
pursue to subdue the
nervous complica-
tions, and prepare
the system for the
change. Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable Compound should be used.

It is well for those approaching this
time, to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn,
Mass. She has the experience of years
to aid her in advising. She will charge
you nothing.

She helped this woman, who says—
"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's
Vegetable Compound in my family ten
years, with the best results. Some
time ago my daughter had outburst of
the womb, and it entirely cured her. I
was approaching the "change of
life," and was in a deplorable condi-
tion. My womb had fallen, and the
bearing-down pains and backache were
terrible, and kidneys affected."

"I began taking the Compound,
and my pains ceased. I consider it the
strong bridge between sickness and
health, and recommend it to everybody
I meet who needs it."—MRS. L. KELLY,
Patchogue, L. I.

NEW WOMAN VS. BULK.

How a West Side Girl Succeeded in Choos-
ing a Car Door.

He was so big he got in his own way.
Not only was his stature exceptional,
but his girth kept even stride therewith.
He floundered onto a Madison street
trailer the other morning and took sta-
tion before the forward door. There he
remained for a space. This is how it
all happened, says the Chicago Chroni-
cle.

She was young, pretty, black-haired
and black-eyed. When the train
stopped at one of the cross streets she
stepped gracefully on that forward
platform and encountered him of the
bulk. He stumbled a bit, but got in
the way more than he would have done
if he had retained his position. Finally,
after much darting about, the girl suc-
ceeded in entering the car to escape the
chill wind, which was blowing gayly.

The car was crowded and she was
forced to stand. So she took her posi-
tion immediately inside the door, while
the big man maintained a similar posi-
tion on the platform. He settled back
again at the door and by sheer weight in-
serted a portion of his anatomy in the
doorway. It was cold, but the girl
could not shut the door; he was too
heavy. Then she thought and then she
smiled.

She quietly adjusted her hat-pin, gave
the door a gentle pull and the big man
nearly vaulted over the dashboard. He
did not say anything nor did he upset
more than half the other passengers on
the platform. He fell off to the street,
gazed wistfully at the receding car and
started down the street. The girl burst
into a hysterical laugh, bottled up sud-
denly and became preternaturally sol-
emn. There was a button off the back
of his coat. She put her foot over it
as it lay on the car floor.

"CALLERS" NOT DESIRED.

A Writer's Reasons for Thinking "Viat-
ing" Intolerable.

Of what earthly use is "company?"
You probably see your neighbors once a
week, meeting them on the public high-
ways, and if you nod pleasantly and
speak a word or two of the weather and
of the health of the family, has not
everything been done that our neces-
sities require or formality can reason-
ably demand? If we have business, or
need information that others can give
us, go and ask of them. Be brief, but
to the point, advises the Detroit Free
Press, and leaving with what is de-
sired, carry away also their blessing.
To go to another's house, to request of
the inmates, one or all, to sit for half
an hour or longer and listen to your
platitudes, and, coming away, lie to
them about a pleasant call, is intoler-
able. Yet there are thousands who do
this daily. Why should I leave my oc-
cupation, be it loafing even, and give
my attention to some man or woman
who is thoughtless enough to "call?"
The actuating motive never appears.
Much is spoken and nothing said. I
receive no worthy thought to profit by
or increase the probability of a bea-
tiful eternity. The familiar well-gnawed
bones of doctrine fall from the devil's
table. Usually I am forced to breathe
at such a time a gossip-poisoned at-
mosphere. This "call" is another idea
of civility, and I am compelled, it ap-
pears, to be a victim of his or her whim.
If I refuse, as I have done point-blank,
to present myself, I am called a boor
and all manner of ugly names.

Another Good Man Gave Wrong.

He failed to use Foley's Kidney Cure
for his kidney complaint. Neisler Drug
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OUR ART GOODS DEPARTMENT....

Is steadily growing in favor. Every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and
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...Some Great Offers in This Class of Goods...



Embroidery Hoops, each... 25c
Linen Doylies for center pieces, worth 40c, each... 25c
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Cotton Pillow Cord in fancy colors, per yard... 3c
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Another big purchase of those fancy Lamp
Shades made of imported crepe paper, with
tinted edges, decorated with Morning Glor-
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...Curtains and Upholstery Goods...

Prices upset and original values forgotten in our efforts to clear this stock before February 1, 1897, the date
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One lot of Lace Curtains, containing 10 different styles, two to six pairs of each style. Worth from \$1.49
\$1.75 up to \$2.50 all at one low price... \$3.50
20 pairs Irish Point Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long and 50 inches wide. Worth \$5.00 pair,
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ALL OF OUR DRAPERY GOODS MIGHTILY REDUCED.

12 1/2 c Silkoline, yard... 75c
100 yard Silk Tapestry, in five different colors. Sold at \$2.50. Reduced just one-half... \$1.25



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In that Great Clearance Sale of Ladies' and Misses' Winter
CAPES AND JACKETS.

175 Ladies' and Misses' Coats, plain and fancy trimmed. Made up by first-
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at one price... \$9.98

200 Ladies' and Misses' Cloth Jackets, some tight-fitting, others Franklin front
and plaited back. Now sleeve and collar. Black, Navy and fancy mix-
tures. Would be cheap at \$12.00. All go at one price... \$5.98

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One of those Special sales in which every economical housewife is always
interested. SUCH VALUE-GIVING ONLY OCCURS AT "THE BIG
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Heavy Outing Flannel, in neat light colors and fancy stripes, per yard... 3c
Best quality American Indigo Blue Print Calico, per yd... 3 1/2c
Black and White, Turkey Red and Black Prints; the 7c kind SPECIAL... 3 1/2c
Ready-Made Skirts, 31x30 inches; others sell them at 6c... 4c is enough for us
10 inch Turkey Red Table Damask; cheap at 30c yard SPECIAL... 15c

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Will yet need Heavy Clothing.

The coldest part of the Winter

season is still to come. You

cannot afford to freeze when

you can buy clothing at such

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sell them.

Our prices are as low as the

Lowest. We do not ask you to

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then let your judgment solve

the question.

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For Tuesday BECKWITH Grocery House and Market

Will show some choice goods for your dinner Tuesday morning, such as....

Fresh Codfish, Fresh Flounder, Black Bass, Red Snapper, Boiled Lobster, Live Lobster, (all ocean products). In addition we will have Fresh Trout and White Fish caught in Lake Michigan. Elegant California Celery, Lettuce, Radishes, Etc. Our Market is supplied at all times with the choicest Meats that money can buy.

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We have on sale (Tuesday only) 100 cases of Genuine Sugar Corn at the unapproachable price of 55c dozen (full weight). We also offer you standard size Pine Apple at 15c per can, \$1.50 per dozen.

OUR "MAUD S" FLOUR

made from the very best northern hard wheat grown on timber land, and hence the fine nutty flavor. You can prove to your satisfaction of its superior quality by buying a sack. Every sack guaranteed as represented.

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At Prices to Meet All Pocketbooks

Handkerchiefs, Neckwear,
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DECATUR, ILL.

HOW HE GOT HIS ZITHER.

A Missourian Sent Abroad for an Instrument with Funny Results.

A musical instrument dealer tells a good story at the expense of a musical-inclined and wealthy resident of the little Missouri town of Hermann, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Some time ago he wanted a fine zither and searched the local market for one that would suit him. The time he spent was of sufficient value to pay for an ordinary instrument, and yet he did not succeed in getting anything that quite satisfied him. Confident that there was nothing in this country that would answer, he wrote to European dealers, and finally ordered one that he thought would go ahead of anything ever seen in this section.

His friends were all posted and awaited the arrival of the instrument in anxious expectancy. It came a few days ago, and the package was carefully opened in the presence of half a dozen admiring friends. The zither was a beauty, there was no mistaking that but on a closer examination there was the maker's stamp indelibly placed on the frame, and it read: "Washington Mo., U. S. A.," a neighboring town of Hermann. The gentleman might have saved \$50, in addition to the express and import charges, and have avoided all the waiting which he had to endure. But he would never have been satisfied.

The zither is an expensive instrument and difficult to manufacture, being very delicate and requiring the best of material and most skillful of workmen, but dealers say it is a fact that the manufacturers of this country make the best ones placed on the market. There are but three factories in this country, one in this state and two in the east. Their instruments are largely sold in Europe, some of them without being branded, and then sent back to this country at prices 100 per cent. above what they should be. The ocean trips may improve them, but the Hermann gentleman cannot see just where it comes in.

HUNTERS HIT BY THEIR GAME.

Instances Where Sportsmen Have Received Severe Blows from Birds.

Game killed in full flight has a momentum that carries it a long way sometimes. London Field relates several instances where the birds have hit the sportsman. In one case George Monner was shooting in the woods of Long Island when a grouse, driven by beaters, came flying along fast and high up. He shot at it, and then, with the other barrel, fired at another bird. Just as he was about lowering his gun after the second shot he received a blow on the head that knocked him senseless. The grouse first hit had tumbled against his head.

That same afternoon a wheelman riding along near the line of hunters admiring the scenery did not observe a big black cock till its feathers brushed his head. The black cock had been killed and had nearly hit him in falling.

The Badminton volume on shooting tells how the late Charles Leslie was knocked out at the battery by a grouse he had shot. A strong hat probably saved him from serious injury.

American hunters have had similar experience. A man was riding along in a wagon some time ago, according to Forest and Stream, when something hit him on the head with enough force to make him dizzy. An unwounded partridge flying through the woods had hit him fair. Why the bird did not turn aside is as much a mystery as the fact that partridges sometimes fly against house sides and are killed in so doing.

Cost of a Cardinal's Hat.

The red hat of a cardinal costs him more money than kings pay for any except their very best crowns. Before accepting it the grateful prelate must make offerings to the propaganda and to his titular church at Rome, and pay fees to a long list of officials, ranging from chamberlains at the vatican down to the cooks and sweepers and the soldiers of the Swiss guards. Indeed, the new cardinal has to pay fees at every step from the moment of his elevation to the occasion of his receiving the red hat in public consistory, and when all is over and done finds himself out of pocket to the extent of \$2,500 at least. If the cardinal is without means to defray the cost of his elevation, and if he is to reside in Rome, the vatican is ready to make him a loan to be repaid in installments out of his yearly allowance.

The Sexes in Burma.

The new woman should take her way to Burma. There, travelers say, is the only place on earth where true equality between the sexes exists. In spite of this, it is claimed, no women are more womanly than the Burmese women, whose good sense enables them to see the line where they ought to stop. In the higher classes a woman has property of her own and manages it herself. In the lower classes she always has a trade and runs her business on her own responsibility. The sexes choose their own operations, and it is curious to see the men sometimes sewing or embroidering, while the women have nearly all the retail trade of the island on their hands.

Mourning for a Chinese Mater.

When a Chinese emperor dies the intelligence is announced by dispatches to the several provinces, written with purple ink, the mourning color. All persons of rank are required to take red silk ornaments from their caps, with the ball or button of rank; all subjects of China, without exception, are called upon to forgo shaving their heads for 100 days, within which period none may marry, play upon musical instruments or perform any sacrifice.

Mourning Color in Brazil.

At the funeral of an unmarried woman in Brazil scarlet is the mourning hue. The coffin, the hearse, the trappings of the horses and the liveries of the driver must be scarlet.



MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.
St. Louis, Jan. 12.—Wheat, cash, 85 1/4; May, 86 1/4; Corn, cash, 20 1/4; May, 21 1/4; Oats, cash, 17; May, 17 1/4.

NEW YORK MARKET.
New York, Jan. 12.—Butter, steady, creamery, 14 1/2; Eggs, steady, 13 1/4.

NEW YORK MARKET.
New York, Jan. 12.—Wheat, May, 87 1/4; Corn, May, 21 1/4; Oats, May, 17 1/4.

PRIMA QUOTATIONS.
PRIMA, Jan. 12.—Corn, cash, No. 2 white, 18 1/4; Oats, 17 1/4; No. 2 white, 18 1/4. Rye nominal.

PASSING OF THE FAKE AUCTION.

One Kind of Business That is Happily and Permanently Suspended.

Where has the jewelry auctioneer gone? Up to three years ago there were at least a dozen places on the South side where a gaudy display of watches, diamonds and revolvers in the windows called attention to a scarcely less loud auctioneer within. He stood on an elevation behind the counter; he had "cappers" both inside and outside the place, and his sonorous tones were ringing all the time. He watched the stream of passers-by on the street and "backed the play" of the cappers. He sold all manner of watches, and he always "got the best of it."

As a rule, says the Chicago Post, these salesmen were excellent auctioneers and knew all the wiles of their craft.

Up to two years ago some of them were still running, but they gradually faded out, and now there is not one, with the trifling exception of a Saturday night fling in West Madison street. They must do a good business, selling quantities of material at an excellent price. But there was an end of all things in their line and the jewelry auction has vanished.

Gambling in India.

Amongst the Hindus throughout the whole of India there is a holiday celebration in honor of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good fortune, wherein gambling is universally regarded as a religious duty. It is known as the festival of lamps, and on that day all classes indulge in games of chance with shells, coins, cards, dice, etc., and the future of the individual, whether good or bad, is looked upon as a forecast of his wealth or poverty during the ensuing year. The women take a most intense interest in the proceedings and, if fortunate, expend their winnings in the purchase of sweet-meats and fruits, as gifts to all their friends and relations, toys for the small children and fireworks for the boys. At Benares, their sacred city, as night approaches, small earthen lamps, fed with oil, are kindled, making the outlines of every mansion, palace, temple and minaret visible. All vessels in the river are also illuminated; so that the whole city is one blaze of light.

Suicide is Hereditary.

An extraordinary instance of hereditary tendency to suicide was told by Prof. Brouardel in Paris lately. A farmer near Etampes hanged himself without apparent cause, leaving a family of seven sons and four daughters. Ten of the eleven subsequently followed the father's example, but not until they had married and begotten children, all of whom likewise hanged themselves. The only survivor is a son, who is now 68 years of age, and has passed safely beyond the family hanging age.

Sales of Real Estate.

A. T. Riley to Sophronia Miller, tract of land in 23, 19, 1 east, \$200.

Quit claim deeds, eight in number, giving tracts of land in Macon county from the Philo Hale estate were filed. The beneficiaries are Edwin V. Hale, W. H. Hale, Ellen Hale Bolton, Cleveland C. Hale, Alice M. Cowles, Florence Hale Russell and Edith Hale. The executrix is Susan C. Hale who makes the transfer. The charge for recording the instruments is \$10.

Methodist Presiding Elders to Meet.

The presiding elders of the Illinois conference, Methodist Episcopal church, will be held at the First M. E. church this evening to arrange the details for a meeting of all members of the conference missionary societies to be held in Decatur on March 3 and 4. It will be a notable gathering of missionary workers. There will probably be 300 visitors in the city for the two days.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

Champaign has seventeen electric motors in operation exclusive of those on the street cars.

About the Eye.

For people with sore eyes, weak, watery eyes, and red and inflamed eyes, caused by age, catarrh or other rise, the Brazilian Balm is a priceless boon. Put 15 or 20 drops of Balm into a spoonful of warm water and bathe the eyes well night and morning, getting some of the solution into the eyes. The relief and benefit is worth a hundred times the cost.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., Druggists

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OFFICE BULLETIN.

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OCULIST. SUITE 305. OPTICIAN. SUITE 305.

DR. JOHN T. MILLER, PHYSICIAN.
SUITE 306.

DR. W. M. CATTO, ...PHYSICIAN...
SUITE 309.

DR. B. L. MAIENTHAL, PHYSICIAN,
SUITE 322.

DR. J. G. HARVEY, Will remove from Arcade Building to his new office, Suite 31, Orlando Powers' Building.

H. L. OLDHAM, Agent of the Building.
ROOM 307.

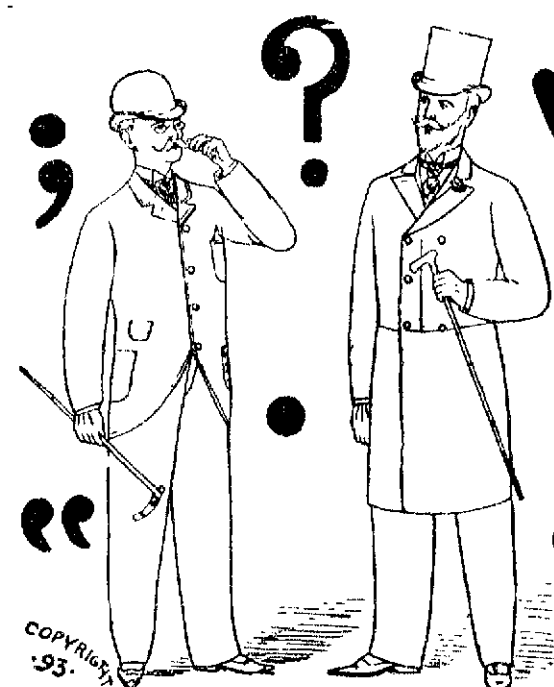
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POINTERS FOR BUYERS,

Our January Clearing Sale Begins To-Day.

Big Mark-Down in All Departm'ts.

Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, Ulsters, Trousers and FURNISHING GOODS.

...\$100,000 Stock to Select From...

COME AND SEE US.

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129 North Water Street.

ROGERS BROS.' Knives, Forks and Spoons.

None Genuine Without "1847"
Stamped Upon Them.

These "1847 Rogers Bros." make is the old original brand of Silver Plated Knives, Forks and Spoons, and cost more in the market than any Rogers make. PLEASE DO NOT CONFUSE IT WITH Wm. Rogers, Rogers & Brother or any other Rogers, without the "1847 Rogers Bros." trade mark stamped upon them. There are twenty imitations, all of which use the word "Rogers" in some shape, but none but the genuine dare use "1847 Rogers Bros."

You should get our prices on

Solid Silver Spoons.

We are showing a very fine line at
VERY LOW PRICES.

We claim to be Headquarters on

Diamonds, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry.

OUR SECOND FLOOR CHINA DEPARTMENT

is second to none in the State, and we are showing Dinner Ware and Toilet Ware in a very large variety of patterns, and at prices equal to corn at 15 cents a bushel.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.

Snow And Ice

Will soon confront you and remind you that your Shoes or Rubbers will need to be replaced with a new pair. You can find just what you need and at the right prices at our store.

Big Stock of CHRISTMAS SLIP-
PERS to select from.

BUY NOW while you can get sizes.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE

—OF—

Smith & Calkin's Stock Up to Date Furnishings and Hats.

This is the Finest and Cleanest stock of HABERDASHERY ever in the City of Decatur, and prices from now will be cut to less than you pay for inferior goods.

Don't fail to Call at the Haberdashery Store,

211 North Water Street.

W. H. ELWOOD, Assignee.

HEADACHE CURED FOR 10 CENTS

KING'S DRUG STORE,
By using Dr. Hamilton's
Headache Tablets.

Cor. Main and Water Sts.,
Opposite Linn & Scruggs.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

TURKISH OF BEN HUR. All members of Turkish of Ben Hur, are requested to meet at 12:30 A. M. Friday's office, in Powers' New Building, at 7:30 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening. All members requested to be present. Inauguration of officers, Dr. J. H. Envy, Chief, G. S. Pigeon, Secretary.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.
Burke's White Pine Balsam cures coughs. You pay a little more for Sleeth's portraits but—

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Headache cured in fifteen minutes with Irwin's balm.

Hear little Robert, the 3-year-old soprano, tonight at the Baptist church.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-24

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10-cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 25-27.

The next meeting of the Central Illinois Holiness association will be held at Bloomington, Aug. 27 to Sept. 6.

Fresh lobsters, red snappers, black bass, yellow perch, at Pearl Oyster Fish Co. Tel. 244. 7-24

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

See Ralph and Robert in Greek costume tonight.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Sleeth, the photographer, is moving his gallery from the Chenoweth building to the new Powers block. The rooms he vacates will be rebuilt for offices.

A meeting of the Sunday school of the Congregational church will be held this evening and officers for the next year will be elected.

Ladies' and Children's made-up dresses, capes and cloaks nicely dyed, cleaned and pressed. Fine dry cleaning a specialty. Ladies' cloaks and capes re-lined and repaired. Plush and velvet cloaks and capes cleaned and steamed at Miller's New Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 North Main street.

To Rent Cheap, to a family without children, a house of four rooms, cellar, well, cistern and city water. Apply on premises, 705 North Union street. 22-24

Considerable local interest centers in the Joe Myers murder trial. The court room was crowded all forenoon by people watching every move while the attorneys were examining men as to their qualifications to serve as jurors. It is the second time within a year that Myers has been on trial for his life.

Land in the vicinity of Morton, in Tazewell county, are valued at from \$115 to \$150 an acre, and the alleged reason is that a large settlement of the Omaha church there has advanced the price to these figures, they being excellent farmers and desirous of settling near each other. It is said that more than one-half of the residents are Omaha, and, as they never vote, it being against their religion, the town furnishes the anomaly of the minority ruling the majority.

Splendid Offer to Ladies.
A nice piece of music will be given free with each copy of a January magazine. Chodat News House.

The Ideal Panacea.
James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

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SELECTING A JURY.

Slow Progress in the Joe Myers Murder Trial in Court.

The second trial of Joe Myers for the murder of August Hackman is progressing slowly in the circuit court. Only four jurors were accepted at the adjournment of court last evening. This forenoon the attorneys devoted themselves to the task of picking out jurors. The prisoner was frequently consulted when it came to deciding what should be done in passing on a man who had answered all questions satisfactorily. He would either give his consent or object and the prisoner's wishes would be respected. Myers kept his attention fixed upon the proceedings. It is tedious work selecting a jury in a murder case, but every man examined furnishes renewed interest. The answers to questions are different and some are decidedly amusing. Perhaps the necessary twelve men will be secured by night.

The jurors accepted are Albert McDaniel, Francis Knapp, S. L. Hill, Edward Baker, W. L. Newman, George Price, Charles Bell and J. O. Spence. J. E. Boutwell and Charles Walmsley have been partly passed upon.

Thus far eighty-eight persons have been examined as to their qualifications to serve as jurors.

Train Chances on the Vandalia.

No. 29, leave at 8 a. m., arriving at Terre Haute at 11:30 a. m. This was the train that used to leave at 8:44 a. m. coming through from Peoria.

No. 6, through train from Peoria, arriving here at 3:15 p. m., leaving at 3:20. This is the train that now arrives in Decatur at 6:16 p. m.

No. 7, from Terre Haute arrives at 11:35 a. m., leaves at 11:49 for Peoria. This is the train that now arrives in Decatur at 9:40 a. m.

No. 21, from Terre Haute arrives in Decatur at 7 p. m. This was formerly the through train that arrived here at 8:40 p. m. but it will now stop here.

No. 5, will leave Decatur at 7 a. m. for Peoria; new train.

No. 4, will arrive here at 9:30 p. m., from Peoria; new train.

Busk at the St. Nick.

The St. Nicholas hotel had an extra rush of business today, owing to the presence of the Della Fox opera company, and the Vredenburg-Hoskins wedding guests from Springfield and many traveling men in the city. The dining room was crowded at the noon hour, and everything was lively in the parlors, reception rooms and halls. Host Lanx with his customary urbanity, ease and smoothness of manner, took care of everybody in capital style and all got the same satisfactory accommodations.

More Families in Decatur.

Hereafter Decatur will be made a division point on the Vandalia road, a condition which existed last summer. The change will bring to Decatur families that have been residing at Peoria, Paris and Terre Haute. The families to join are those of Conductors James Russell and L. K. Murphy, Train Baggage men M. McCool and Joe Penwell, Engineers Jack Hill and Charles Pierce, and the firemen of both the engines.

New Law Firm.

Attorney Edward Wilson and Attorney James S. Baldwin have formed a partnership for the practice of law under the firm name of Wilson & Baldwin, with office rooms 105 and 407 Millikin building. The young men are energetic and enthusiastic and solicit a share of the public patronage.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Eva Williams has returned from Clinton.

Marshall Mason has returned from Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Needham went to Springfield yesterday.

A. Kaufman went to Indianapolis last evening to visit his mother.

A. J. Horine is confined to his home on North Water street by illness.

Joe Bennett is one of the elevator operators in the Powers building.

Justice Shorb was at Springfield yesterday to attend the inauguration.

Henry Martin was at Springfield yesterday to see Aliged step down and out.

Mayor Cooklin was at Springfield yesterday to mingle with the crowd.

Mrs. N. D. Myers will leave this evening for Assumption where she will visit friends.

Wilfred Cook, who has been in the city visiting his mother, Mrs. Nellie Cook, has returned to Chicago.

K. Harwood and daughters, Misses Kate and Mae attended the inaugural ball last evening at Springfield.

W. E. Collins and family will go to St. Louis to reside. Mr. C. is connected with the Advance Thrasher Co. and will travel for the St. Louis house.

Frank Sanford, formerly of Akore, Sanford & Co., who recently sold out his interest in their firm, has accepted a position with George W. Scovill.

Miss Gerlie Allison, known on the stage as Earl Remington, is in the city. She arrived last night from St. Louis and will leave Friday for Minneapolis, Minn., to fill an engagement.

Miss Gerlie Eaton, who is employed by the Knice Clothing and Manufacturing company, met with an accident yesterday. She fell and dislocated a finger of her left hand. Dr. H. C. Jones gave her surgical attention.

Marriage License.
Peter Vredenburg, Jr., Springfield, 21.
Pussy Ann Hoskins, Decatur, 19.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a franchise meeting Thursday at 9:30 p. m.

ORANJE BLOSSOMS

Marriage of Peter Vredenburg, Jr., of Springfield, and Miss Pussie Hoskins, of Decatur,

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Ceremony Performed at High Noon by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon—Reception to be Given This Evening at the Hoskins Residence—Guests from Springfield—The Toilets.

The marriage of Peter Vredenburg, Jr., of Springfield, and Miss Pussie Anna L. Hoskins, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hoskins, of this city, occurred at noon today at the First Presbyterian church, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Penhallegon officiating. The wedding was one of the largest and most elaborate that has taken place in the city for some time. About one thousand invitations were issued and a large number of persons from Springfield were in the city to attend the ceremony. The church was crowded. This evening a reception will be given at the Hoskins residence.

The Ceremony at the Church.

The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion, palms and lilies being arranged on the platform. It was a white wedding and the pure white costumes of the bride and her maids corresponded prettily with the decorations. Exactly at noon as the organist, Mrs. A. B. Alexander, played the Lutheran bridal chorus the wedding party entered the church from the west door and marched down the middle aisle on the west side. First came two maids, Tom Hoskins, the brother of the bride, and La Rue Vredenburg, the brother of the groom. Then came four ushers, Latham L. Southern, William Smith and Street Dickerman of Springfield, and Bruce Chenoweth of Decatur. They were followed by the four bridesmaids, Miss Jessie Montgomery and Miss Sadie Holy of Decatur, and Miss Elizabeth Vredenburg of Springfield, and Miss Anna Roberts of Decatur. The maid of honor, Miss Bonnie Bartholomew of Decatur, walked alone and was followed by the bride accompanied by her father. On reaching the altar the bridesmaids stood on one side of the minister and the ushers on the other side. The groom and his best man, Charles Ridgely Hudson of Springfield, entered from the north side of the church and met the bride as she reached the altar. The Episcopal ring service was used and the ceremony as performed by Rev. Penhallegon was most impressive. As the bride was given away by her father and during the rest of the service Mrs. Fred Stoner sang, "O Promise Me."

At the conclusion of the ceremony the organist played the Mendelssohn wedding march and the bride and groom led the way from the church. They were followed by Miss Bartholomew and Mrs. Hudson, the bridesmaids and ushers. Robert H. Lord, another usher, walked with Miss Gurnham of Springfield, and were followed by Dr. and Mrs. Hoskins.

An incident at the close of the ceremony which caused an audible ripple of surprise throughout the audience was the attempt of the groom to salute the bride with a kiss. He had thrown back the bride's veil and gracefully leaned forward to kiss the bride, but she rather coquettishly recoiled and thus thwarted the purpose of the young benedict. In a moment the bridal party was on the way to the waiting carriages, and everybody was chatting pleasantly about the beauty of the ceremony and the pretty scene at the altar.

The Costumes.

The bride was attired in an elegant gown of cream brocade satin made with a short train and trimmed with old Duchess lace, and wore a wedding veil of tulle fastened with orange blossoms. She carried a large bunch of white hyacinths and an ivory bound prayer book. She also wore white gloves and shoes.

The maid of honor, Miss Bartholomew, was gowned in a costume of cream satin with chiffon trimmings, wore a large white Leghorn hat with white plumes and carried white carnations.

The bridesmaids were tastefully made dresses of white mousseline de sole over white satin and white hats studded with strings. All carried white carnations.

The Wedding Breakfast

After the ceremony at the church a wedding breakfast was given to the bridal party at the Hoskins residence on Prairie avenue. The guests were seated at a table beautifully decorated with carnations, snail, holly and mistletoe. Those present at the breakfast besides the immediate wedding party were George Flaig of Cameron, Mo., the bride's uncle, and Mrs. J. W. Smith of Chicago, the bride's aunt.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

Reception This Evening.

This afternoon and tonight a large reception will be given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hoskins on Prairie avenue. The hours are from 5 to 8 and 8 to 11. The house is decorated with mistletoe, holly, carnation and snail and the opera house orchestra will render music. The bride and her attendants will receive in their wedding gowns. Those who will assist Mrs. Hoskins are Mrs. Henry H. Wood, Mrs. A. T. Summers, Mrs. F. D. Bartholomew, Mrs. J. K. Warren, Mrs. J. A. Meriwether, Mrs. J. O. Stauffer, Mrs. S. T. Nesbitt, Mrs. Fred Stoner, Mrs. Ann Soucerville, and Mrs. C. C. Leforgue. At the frappe bowl and coffee urn will be Misses Hattie Young, Marie and Anna Irish, Dot and Abbie Durbin, Grace Hamsher and Clara Green.

The presents received by the bride and groom were numerous and elegant. They included handsome pieces of silver and china and elegant cut glass.

The Bride and Groom.

The bride and groom are both well known in this city and Springfield. Mr. Vredenburg is a son of Peter Vredenburg, a large lumber dealer of Springfield, and is connected with his father in business. He is prominent in Springfield society and has many friends in this city. Miss Hoskins, the bride, is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. S. Hoskins. She is widely known and very popular among the young people of Decatur, and is a charming and accomplished young lady. Mr. Vredenburg and his bride are both quite young. The latter is 19 and the groom 21 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Vredenburg will leave at midnight on a trip to the south by way of St. Louis. After several weeks they will return to Springfield and there make their home.

Guests from Abroad.

Among the guests who are here from out of town to attend the wedding are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Vredenburg, the Misses Vredenburg, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ulrich, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Brainerd, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Ulrich, Charles Ulrich, Miss Ulrich, William R. Vredenburg, Col. and Mrs. T. D. Vredenburg, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hudson, Miss Hudson, the Misses Jones, John Orndorff, Henry Walker, Miss Maud Gurnham, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vredenburg, Jr., William Shutt, W. P. Snyder, all of Springfield; Miss Hoskins, Mrs. J. L. Jackson, Miss Victoria Ulrich and Burton Ulrich of Chicago; George Flaig of Cameron, Mo., and Mrs. U. W. Smith of Chicago.

Populist Paradise.

Peoria, Kan., Jan. 12.—The legislative body met today with the Populists for the first time in control of both branches and with a Populist governor. Governor Leedy's message caused considerable surprise because he made no reference to prohibitory laws or a constitutional convention, both of which have been leading topics of discussion. The governor suggested restraining legislation to protect investors from fraudulent investment companies, advocated maximum freight bill, additional powers to railroad commissioners, and in the event of failure of this legislation, construction by the state of a railroad to the gulf and tide water.

Illinois Legislation.

Springfield, Jan. 12.—After the journal was read in the house Governor All gold's message, read in part last Thursday, was again taken up and the reading resumed and applause on the Democratic side. The senate joint resolution for printing 5000 copies of Turner's inaugural address was concurred in. The house then adjourned till tomorrow afternoon.

Reported Massacre Confirmed.

London, Jan. 12.—Official reports from the Niger protectorate confirm the news of the massacre of the consular party. The expedition was unarmed and was on its way peacefully to enter Benin City with the view of opening trade relations with its inhabitants. The officials do not believe a single white man of the party escaped. The party included 350 carriers of whom only seven escaped.

Ohio Electors Visit McKinley.

Canton, Jan. 12.—The state presidential electors who met at Columbus yesterday cast their votes for McKinley and came here this morning to personally congratulate the president-elect.

Washington Electors Divide on V. President

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 12.—The presidential electors cast four votes for Bryan and two each for Sewall and Watson.

The Decatur Musical Club will give an

entertainment in the early part of February for the benefit of the new Millikin Home.

The invoice of the Fair store clock has been concluded and it will be put on sale at once. Step in and get bargains.

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.
Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 20-

New smoked sturgeon and fish and haddies at Pearl Oyster Fish Co. Tel. 244. 7-24

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CRUSHED TO DEATH

Four Men Perish in a Penna.
Colliery Two Killed
Colorado Mine.

SNOW STORM IN THE NORTH

The New York Republicans

To-morrow Evening
Candidates that Thomas C. L.
Will Be Chosen.

Gettysville, Pa., Jan. 12.—
were crushed to death at the
colliery by the breaking of a re-
sistible damage was also done
here.

The dead are John Taylor, Pe-
Henry Flynn and Wm. Taylor.
tally injured are Theodore Frou-
The accident was caused by a
weighing several hundred pounds
upon the men, a distance of
dred feet, while they were desc-

GENERAL SNOW STORM

The Fall is Considerable in N.
Street Cars and Railroads are

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Disasterous
merous towns in Nebraska, K-
orado, Wyoming, Montana,
northern Illinois and the E-
south Dakota, show that a
storm raged yesterday and
Many places report that it is at
this morning. In Missouri it
rain, freezing in the western
to fall. At Burlington, Coun-
and Des Moines, Iowa, it is re-
street car traffic is blocked
by a snow.

WILL BE PLATT

New York Republicans Will C-
Tomorrow Evening.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 12.—The
can members of the legislatu-
ous tomorrow evening on the
successor to Senator Hill who
pires March 4. There appears
reason to doubt that Thomas C.
be named for the position

Killed in an Explosion

Denver, Col., Jan. 12.—Wor-
received that late yesterday at
tunnel of the Adair Mining com-
Wood there was an explosion
powder which killed John W.
Harry Glover, contractors; T.
and John W. Schriver, tech-
nicians to shreds.

J. IRVING PEARCE IN

Illinois State Board of Agricul-
Him President.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 12.—
state board of agriculture held
yesterday and installed J. Ir-
of Chicago, as president for
two years, and re-elected W.
ward, secretary.

Colonel J. W. Judy, who has
the presidency of the board for
two years, was presented with
a mantle clock, with two
units of gold. The presents
was made by Irus Coy of Chi-
and Judy sincerely thanked to
his kind remembrance and he-
ation with him during his ter-

Other speeches were made by

drigan, J. K. Dickerson and
tun. The new members were
and the board commenced the
visiting the premium lists for
fair, which will be held
Oct. 2.

Indians Nominate Pa-

Indianapolis, Jan. 12.—The
caucus on the senatorial
held last night and Fairbank
nated. The last day of the
productive of so much no
proved an interruption to leg-
ness and neither house held
session. The Fairbanks man-
ned upon a plan of having
lot, with the reservation of
who cared might announce
caucus got under way at 8 o'
organization determined to
Fairbanks men went through
tion, making Senator New
and Representative Henderson

When it was decided to pro-
nomination of the senator, S-
ley offered a resolution that
by secret ballot, each mem-
his ballot in a hat presid-
chairman and each member
privilege of announcing
cast it.

At 9 o'clock a vote was
Shively resolution was ad-
of 62 to 38. Thereupon a